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1. DESPITE INDICATIONS OF POSITIVE GOH ATTITUDE REPORTED RETEL (A), MOST RECENT DIVIDED FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGING. CHILD ZOLTAN FARKAS' THIRD PASSPORT APPEAL WAS REFUSED 2/10/77 ON USUAL GROUNDS OF "PARENTS ABROAD ILLEGALLY." GRANDPARENTS WILL SUBMIT A FOURTH PASSPORT APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LAJOS FARO'S FOURTH PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS REFUSED 11/15/76, APPEAL REFUSED 1/12/77 BECAUSE OF DEFENSE MINISTRY NONCONSENT TO HIS EMIGRATION. (FARO AND WIFE ADVISED US TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS ONLY IN EARLY FEBRUARY.) AT CONSUL'S URGING FARO SUBMITTED FIFTH PASSPORT APPLICATION 2/9/77, BUT IS TO BE CALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE FOR AN ANTICIPATED TWO YEARS STARTING 2/25/77.

2. POLOFF AND CONSUL HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS RESPECTIVELY WITH MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICER AND CONSULAR DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS USG "PUZZLEMENT" AND DEEP CONCERN OVER APPARENT CONTRAST BETWEEN LATEST NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS AND GOH ASSURANCES PER RETEL (A). APPOINTMENTS EXPRECTED NEXT WEEK. BOTH EMBOFFS
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WILL AGAIN EMPHASIZE IN HUMANITARIAN TERMS THE TWO CHILD CASES (FARKAS AND KARDOS), AND RMIND GOH OF KEEN USG INTEREST IN ALL CASES ON OUR PROBLEM LIST.

3. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOH'S APPARENTLY POSITIVE POLICY DECISION ON DIVIDED FAMILIES REPORTED RETEL (A) HAS NOT YET TRICKLED DOWN TO WORKING PASSPORT (INTERIOR MINISTRY)

AND DEFENSE MINISTRY LEVELS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY INTENDS TO KEEP COURTEOUSLY BUT PERSISTENTLY REMINDING GOH THAT IN FAMILY-REUNIFICATION MATTERS USG IS INTERESTED IN RESULTS MORE THAN DECLARATIONS.

4. FYI: CONSUL LAST SPOKE WITH MRS. FARO IN BUDAPEST FEBRUARY 2, AND SHE IS NOW BACK IN U.S. SHE MENTIONED INTEREST SENATOR PERCY BUT WAS UNCLEAR ABOUT DEGREE OF SENATOR'S INVOLVEMENT. EMBASSY IS AWAITING LETTER CLARIFICATION FROM HER PRIOR TO GIVING PERCY A STATUS REPORT; DEPARTMENT (H) LAST WROTE HIM 6/21/76. MR. FARO EXPRESSED DEGREE OF RELIEF AT HAVING BEEN CALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. CONSUL HAS ADVISED HIM TO (A) CONTINUE TO SEEK EARLY RELEASE FROM MILITARY SERVICE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND (B) STRESS TO SUPERIORS HIS MARRIAGE TO USC AND DESIRE TO EMIGRATE TO END HE NOT BE GRANTED ACCESS TO MILITARY SECRETS, TO POSSIBLE DETRIMENT OF HIS ABILITY TO EMIGRATE EVEN AFTER COMPLETION OF MILITARY SERVICE.
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